



SAFETY MESSAGE

Your Personal Safety is our #1 priority

Dew Poison / Dew Rash, Compiled by USDA-APHIS-CCEP

What is Dew Poison / Dew Rash?

A term coined at the beginning of the 20th century used to describe any of various rashes or infections of the feet or legs, believed to be caused by dew; the presumed agent causing such rashes or infections.

The Gist:

Walking through groves in the early morning may moisten your pant legs and shoes as a result of dew. Moist clothing may rub against your legs and eventually develop a rash in those areas. Also, moist shoes are a leading cause of athlete's foot and other problems such as blisters. As much as possible, it is important to maintain dry clothing and dry feet. Allow yourself the opportunity to change your socks throughout the day and wear pants made of fabric that dries quickly. Whenever possible wear rubber boots over your shoes in the morning until the sun has dried the dew and it is no longer a factor. Also, be aware of the beginning stages of a rash or infection and treat them with the necessary first aid cream supplied in your first aid kit. Keep your Strike Team Leader aware of your condition.